GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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I.T. REBATE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Apatra Logon ko Chhoat se Karoron Ki Hani` appearing in Rashtriya Sahara on 21 August, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the persons/ companies to whom tax rebate has been given for tax collection;

(d) whether any inquiry has been ordered by Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken against persons found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a)&(b): The news item cited refers to a Systems Appraisal report made by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Kar Vivad Samadhan Scheme. The observations made in the report regarding revenue loss in certain specific cases, are being examined by the concerned Income-tax authorities.

(c): The Kar Vivad Samadhan Scheme resulted incollection of taxes amounting to Rs.738.74 crores and settlement of 33,918 disputes under the direct tax enactments and similarly collection of taxes amounting to Rs.643.80 crores and settlement of 11,159 disputes under the indirect tax enactments pending before different adjudicating / appellant authorities or courts. In all, over 45,000 disputes were settled under the scheme, both under the direct tax enactments and indirect tax enactments.

(d): As the report is still under examination, no inquiry has been ordered by Government in this regard.

(e)&(f): In view of (d) above, does not arise.